REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 13 are independent. Claims 9-12 and 14-16 are hereby amended.

Claims 1-8 and 13-16 are allowed.

Claims 14-16 are amended herein to correct unintentional informalities.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Independent claim 9, now recites, *inter alia*:

"A program adapted to be stored on a machine-readable medium...
the program comprising... code for..."

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Applicants submit that claim 9 is directed to statutory subject matter, and therefore patentable.

Claims 10-12 are each dependent on independent claim 9 and, therefore, also believed to be patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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